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## OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

### 5 CFR Parts 1800, 1820, 1830 and 1850

#### Change of Official Mailing Address

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Counsel.

**ACTION:** Final rule; Technical amendments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Special Counsel (OSC) is updating the suite number to be used when sending correspondence to the agency headquarters office in Washington, DC. OSC's mailing address will be: 1730 M Street, NW, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20036-4505. Technical amendments are needed to update the mailing address shown in certain sections of OSC regulations, conforming those sections to others involved in recent revisions.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on December 26, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathryn Stackhouse, Attorney, Planning and Advice Division, by telephone at (202) 653-8971, or by fax at (202) 653-5161.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is directed to the public in general, and to current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment in particular, who may want to contact OSC by mail, including to: (a) Allege a prohibited personnel practice or other violation of civil service law, rule, or regulation by a Federal agency; (b) submit a whistleblower disclosure; or (c) request an advisory opinion on political activity under the Hatch Act.

OSC recently moved the agency mailroom to Suite 201 at its headquarters office. OSC also recently revised its regulations at 5 CFR part 1800 for other purposes. See 65 FR 64881 (Oct. 31, 2000). As part of that regulatory revision, OSC updated the official mailing address shown in certain sections of part 1800 (dealing

with the filing of complaints and whistleblower disclosures) to change the suite number shown, from Suite 300 to Suite 201. OSC is now publishing technical amendments to other sections of agency regulations at 5 CFR Chapter VIII, updating the official mailing address shown in those sections. (Suite 300, formerly used in the mailing address, will continue to appear in OSC's official agency address, and to serve as the reception point for agency visitors.)

This action is taken under the Special Counsel's authority, at 5 U.S.C. 1212(e), to publish regulations in the **Federal Register**. Under the Administrative Procedure Act, at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B), statutory procedures for agency rulemaking do not apply "when the agency for good cause finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of reasons therefor in the rules issued) that notice and public procedure thereon are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." OSC finds that such notice and public procedure are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest, on the grounds that: (1) These amendments are technical and non-substantive; and (2) the public benefits from early correction of an incorrect address, and further delay is unnecessary and contrary to the public interest.

OSC will submit this final rule to Congress and the General Accounting Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act. The rule is effective upon publication, as permitted by 5 U.S.C. 808. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 808(2), OSC finds that good cause exists for this effective date, based on the reasons cited in the preceding paragraph for the § 553(b)(3)(B) determination.

#### List of Subjects in 5 CFR Part 1800, 1820, 1830 and 1850

Administrative practice and procedure, Civil rights, Freedom of information, Government employees, Individuals with disabilities, Privacy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Office of Special Counsel is amending title 5, chapter VIII as follows:

## CHAPTER VIII—OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

### PART 1800—[AMENDED]

1. Authority citation for Part 1800 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 1212(e).

### PART 1820—[AMENDED]

2. The authority citation for Part 1820 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(3), 552(a)(4), 1212(g), 1219.

### PART 1830—[AMENDED]

3. The authority citation for Part 1830 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552a(f), 1212(g).

### PART 1850—[AMENDED]

4. The authority citation for Part 1850 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 794.

### §§ 1800.3, 1820.1, 1820.2, 1820.8, 1830.1, 1830.3, and 1850.17 [Amended]

5. In §§ 1800.3, 1820.1(b), 1820.2, 1820.8, 1830.1, 1830.3, and 1850.17(c), revise the reference "Suite 300" to read "Suite 201".

Dated: December 19, 2000.

**Elaine Kaplan,**

*Special Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

### Rural Utilities Service

### Farm Service Agency

### 7 CFR Part 1951

### RIN 0560-AF78

### Farm Loan Programs Account Servicing Policies—Servicing Shared Appreciation Agreements

**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency.

**ACTION:** Correction to final rule.

**SUMMARY:** On August 18, 2000, (65 FR 50401) the Agency published a final

rule, which reduced the term of future Shared Appreciation Agreements (SAA), lowered the interest rate on amortized SAA recapture, and deducted the value of certain capital improvements from the shared appreciation calculation. This document contains a correction to that rule.

**DATES:** Effective December 26, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Cumpton, telephone (202) 690-4014; electronic mail: mike\_cumpton@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Farm Service Agency published a document amending part 1951 in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 2000, (65 FR 50401). This document corrects the **Federal Register** as it appeared. In rule FR Doc. 00-20679, the Agency is correcting § 1951.914(c)(1)(A) to clarify that the increase in square footage that is being considered is "living area" square footage.

In rule FR Doc. 00-20679 published on August 18, 2000, make the following correction:

**PART 1951—[CORRECTED]**

**§ 1951.914 [Corrected]**

1. On page 50404, in the third column, in § 1951.914(c)(1)(iii)(A), the second sentence is removed and two new sentences are added in its place to read as follows:

**§ 1951.914 Servicing shared appreciation agreements.**

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- (c) \* \* \*
- (1) \* \* \*
- (iii) \* \* \*

(A) \* \* \* If the new residence is affixed to the real estate security as a replacement for a home which existed on the security property when the Shared Appreciation Agreement was originally executed, or the living area square footage of the original dwelling was expanded, only the value added to the real property by the new or expanded portion of the original dwelling (if it added value) will be deducted from the current market value. Living area square footage will not include square footage of patios, porches, garages, and similar additions.

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Signed in Washington, DC, on December 18, 2000.

**August Schumacher, Jr.**

*Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight**

**12 CFR Chapter XVII**

**RIN 2550-AA14**

**Reorganization of the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, HUD.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) is reorganizing and renumbering its regulations. The effect is to achieve a more logical and efficient presentation of current regulations and to provide a framework for new regulations. In promulgating this reorganizational regulation, OFHEO finds that notice and public comment are not necessary. Accordingly, this final regulation is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This regulation is effective December 26, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David W. Roderer, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, 1700 G. Street, NW., Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20552, telephone (202) 414-6924 (not a toll free number). The telephone number for the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf is: (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 27, 2000, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight (OFHEO) published a notice of its intention to undertake a regulatory project to ensure the adoption and implementation of various written policies and procedures for the supervision of the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. See 65 FR 46119 (July 27, 2000). This final regulation makes technical and organizational changes to the numbering of existing regulations so they will fit logically within a new framework of the regulatory project that will incorporate additional rulemaking. Section 553(b)(3)(A) of Title 5, United States Code, provides that when regulations involve matters of agency organization, procedure or practice, the agency may publish regulations in final form and that a delayed effective date is unnecessary. 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

The final regulation adds three new subchapter headings, amends one subchapter heading, redesignates

existing parts and conforms internal cross-references therein. The following derivation table shows the origin of the material that is contained in each of the newly designated subchapters and parts.

**Subchapter A—OFHEO Organization and Functions**

New part	Subject matter	Old part
1700 .....	Organization and Functions.	1700
1702 .....	Privacy Act of 1974	1720
1703 .....	Release of Information.	1710
1704 .....	Debt Collection .....	1730
1705 .....	Equal Access to Justice Act Amendment.	1735

**Subchapter B—[Reserved]**

**Subchapter C—Safety and Soundness**

Part	Subject matter	Part
1750 .....	Capital .....	1750

**Subchapter D—Rules of Practice and Procedure**

Part	Subject matter	Part
1780 .....	Rules of Practice and Procedure.	1780

With the renumbering of OFHEO's regulations, the section reference and internal cross-references to old part and section numbers must also be changed. As such, each new part addresses amendatory cross-references in a table reflecting the new sections, the cross-sections to be deleted, and the new cross-sections to be added.

**Regulatory Impact**

This is a technical rule that reorganizes OFHEO's regulations without substantive change to the rule and will not impose any substantive regulatory requirements. It is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, 58 FR 51735 (Oct. 4, 1993), or a "rule" under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, or the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act, 5 U.S.C. 804(3)(C). Consequently, no regulatory impact assessment is required, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required, and no report to Congress or GAO is required.

OFHEO has determined that there is good cause for issuing this rule without notice and public comment. Section 553(b)(3) of Title 5, United States Code, provides that when regulations involve matters of agency organization, procedure or practice, the agency may publish regulations in final form. Additionally, OFHEO finds that there is